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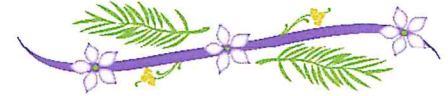
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*Please join us on
Sunday mornings for...*

March 2025



Adult Sunday School : 9:15 AM

Children's Sunday School: 10:30 AM

Traditional worship service: 10:30 AM



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

You, your family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend our Holy Week and Easter worship celebrations.

A Maundy Thursday pot luck supper will be held on April 17th at 5:30pm in the Social Hall; participants are asked to bring a simple pot luck item to share that serves 6-8 people, plus your own tableware. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex. At 7:00pm there will be a church service in the Social Hall, with communion.

On *Good Friday*, April 18th, we will have our traditional worship at 1:00 PM. This is a solemn and reflective worship.

On *Easter morning*, April 20th, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with worship at 10:30 AM.

Please use some of the precious gift of "time" given to you by God, to deepen your personal faith and to thank God for the blessing and sacrifice of his son, Jesus Christ.



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Spring Daylight Saving Time begins on March 9th. The spring time change means that we lose an hour of sleep because we turn our clocks forward an hour at bedtime on Saturday night. We want you in worship on time on March 9th, so make sure your clocks are changed when you retire on Saturday, March 8th.

Jesus Makes Us Into His Followers
by Kent Van Til



Scripture Reading — Mark 8:34-38

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

— Mark 8:34

Following Jesus means more than listening to him and agreeing with his teachings. Jesus says that whoever wants to be his disciple “must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow” him.

Notice that Jesus says we must deny ourselves, not that we must deny ourselves something—like chocolate or a new car. We are to deny our own self-interest, self-absorption, and pride. The misguided self must be replaced with a new self that is being shaped to be like Jesus. And, like Jesus, this new self is not here to be served, but to serve, and to give its life for others (Mark 10:45).

What does it mean to take up our cross? It means being willing to sacrifice our own desires and to give of ourselves so that others may come to know Jesus and want to follow him. That’s what he did for us, and he calls us to follow his example, even to the point of suffering and giving up our own life, if necessary.

Jesus took up his cross and let himself be crucified, once for all, so that our old selves could be crucified, set free from sin, and made new through him (Romans 6:6-7; Galatians 5:24). And by the power of the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life in Christ, we are called to take on the self-sacrificial life of Christ. Jesus explains: “Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

Prayer:

Jesus, help us to follow you. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow you. Amen.



118th Anniversary Recap

Thank you to everyone who sent in their Blessing Hearts. They all were hung up (and still currently are) in the Social Hall. It was a delightful afternoon where we not only celebrated Holmes Church 118th Anniversary, but also recognized 65 year members: Isobel Beaston and Don Orrell, 60 year members: Debbie Lucas and Susan Mulhern, 55 year member: Beth Carpenter, 40 year member: John Van Geyten, and 15 year members: Sarah and Joe O'Donnell, and Leeann McCullough.

Soup Luncheon

The annual Soup Luncheon, which benefits the Holmes Youth Group, will take place on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025, from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. So far, soup choices will include: Chili, French Onion, Tomato Bisque, Loaded Baked Potato, and Chicken Noodle Soup. Pre-Orders will be accepted through Sunday, March 16th, 2025. A Bake Sale will also take place during the Soup Luncheon.



A Lenten Prayer



Eternal God, we thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son to be our Savior. We thank You that through Jesus Christ, You have given us a model for what it looks like to put

Your love into action. So, as we move through this season of Lent, we pray that You make us instruments of Your love.

Fellowship Hour

Our next Fellowship Hour will be held on Sunday, March 16th, 2025 after worship. Please meet us in the music room for fellowship and light refreshments.



LENTEN COMMUNION



On March 9th, we will observe the beginning of Lent with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Please plan to join your church family as we focus on our relationship with God in preparation for Easter.

A heartfelt message of gratitude from the Deacons...

The Deacons are so very grateful for the flower vases that have been provided. For the time being, we are nicely stocked! If you find that you



have any in the future that you would like to donate, please go ahead and bring them in. They are a nice alternative to the cardboard juice/milk containers in which we deliver flowers. When visiting a rehab or nursing home it adds a little extra cheer and is easier to manage. Thanks for being such a blessing in this ministry, Your Deacons.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March:

Happy Birthday to....

- 6 Sandy Levine
9 Conner McCullough



Happy Anniversary to...

- 15 Julie & Kevin Reeder

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support ministries of disaster relief, refugee resettlement, and urban and rural community development throughout the United States and the world. These gifts support:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,
Self-Development of People, and
The Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Fasting and feasting

During Lent, consider this practical — and biblical — advice from Arthur Lichtenberger, a former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church:

- ◆ Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- ◆ Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- ◆ Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- ◆ Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- ◆ Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
- ◆ Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
- ◆ Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.
- ◆ Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

A word from our newest formal members...The Zimmermans:



Hello,

We are Barbara and Gene Zimmerman. We have been married for 51 years. We have three children (Keith, Erica and Alyssa), and five grandchildren. Gene worked in insurance and finance as an IT manager. He retired six years ago. I just retired, after twenty five years, from the Ridley school district as a Special Education teacher's assistant. We now mind our youngest granddaughter on an everyday basis. Gene was raised Catholic and I was raised Episcopalian.

For the last two years we have been attending Holmes Presbyterian church and have felt welcomed by the congregation and clergy. We feel blessed to have been accepted into the church as formal members.

Gene and Barbara Zimmerman

Jesus, the model of salt and light

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, "You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world." Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means.



"The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person," writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in Matthew for Everyone. "He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his [F]ather, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets."

***Please note that our Compassion Sunday Service has been rescheduled from April 27th to March 30th

March 30, 2025: Compassion Sunday Service

It is a day set aside by churches all across America to join with Compassion International in helping lift children up out of poverty around the world.

About Compassion International

Jesus Cares About Children. So Do We.

We are child advocates, dedicated to **releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name**. Through sponsorships and donations, we empower local churches to love, care for and protect children in poverty so they're free to learn, grow, play and dream.

We currently serve 2.3 million children (and counting) in 29 countries across Africa, Asia, Central America and the Caribbean, and South America.

Releasing Children From Poverty in Jesus' Name

In 1952, Rev. Everett Swanson witnessed small, shivering and starving war orphans on the streets of South Korea. On his way back home, one question resounded in his mind. He set the course in motion to meet the needs of these children. This is how it began.

You can learn more www.compassion.com

Christian Charity Distinctive: Partnering With Local Churches Around the World

Poverty is a challenge that we can't conquer alone. That's why Compassion partners with local churches in 29 countries across the globe.

Our local church partners identify the most vulnerable in their communities and provide hands-on love and care to each child. Through your support, local churches provide nutrition support, medical care, educational opportunities and so much more.

These church partners know, love and protect each child, keeping them safe from crime, abuse and violence. They also introduce each child to the love of Jesus, which changes everything.

Compassion is 100% committed to financial integrity, stewardship, and wise use of each dollar. By partnering with us, you can be assured that your donation will go directly to a child in need.

YOUTH NEWS

March will be a busy month as we will hold our Annual Soup Luncheon/Bake Sale on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Pre-order forms will be available in the bulletin. We are certainly grateful to our soup-makers for their time and talents in making this much anticipated event possible.

February was a month where we had Bible lessons and discussions about "Love" - not just about how to love ourselves and love others, but also about the love given to us by our Creator God. In March we will be shifting to how God's Love was ultimately revealed to us by the supreme sacrifice made by His Son, Jesus Christ. We will be sharing the stories of His ministry, His miracles, and His teachings.

Please continue to pray for our group. We face many obstacles, competing for time against school activities and with young people who have never felt the desire to make time for church and/or church-related activities. We know that God is working in their lives.

In Christ,
Mark and Becky



Easter Egg Hunt 2025


Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 12th at 11:00 am on the Holmes Church campus. If it rains, we will have an Easter Egg Drive By...which will be first come, first served. We will start bringing Easter Eggs to cars on Academy Avenue promptly at 11:00am.

We will be collecting candy donations for the Holmes Easter Egg Hunt starting on Sunday, March 2nd, 2025 in the Narthex. We are asking for individually wrapped candy. Donations for candy will be collected through Sunday, April 6th, 2025.

Thank you for your generosity, in advance, for making this annual community event possible.

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